

Carlsbad Current.

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TEXANETTES.

Sherman has a broom factory.
Parties are boring for oil at Burnet.
Kanis has organized a charity society.

Detroit is to have an electric light plant.
A cotton seed oil mill is to be built at Detroit.

The Texas and Pacific is improving its dam at Bonham.
In a friendly scuffle at Greenville, Gus Baird was stabbed.

The total matriculation of Sherman's public schools is 1846.
Several handsome residences are being erected at Bonham.

The tenth cavalry (colored) is to be stationed at Bracketville.
The contract has been let for the Y. M. C. A. building at Paris.

Seventeen carloads of oranges passed through Bonham a few days ago.
A female vendor at Tyler named Willis was robbed of \$225, taken from his stand.

The Abilene presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met at Ranger.
H. Techmeyer, a traveling man, had a foot horribly crushed by a train at Flatonia.

Scarlet fever caused the public schools at Comstock to close until Jan. 1.

Train-robbing fiends are pursuing their nefarious work at two or three points in the state.
Ed Steger will erect a mammoth barn at Bonham. It will be one block long and capable of accommodating 600 horses.

S. G. Huddleston has been appointed superintendent of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railway, with headquarters at Mineral Wells.

A young man named Hudson fell from a tree at Dike, Hopkins county, and sustained injuries from which he died in a few hours.

Moses Gimel has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are placed at \$3523 and no assets save wearing apparel, which is exempt.

Attorney General Smith has gone to Washington to represent the state in the Waters-Pierce Oil company case before the United States supreme court.

Henry Johnson, an aged colored man, was adjudged guilty at Waco of selling without a license whisky to cotton pickers. He was given a light sentence.

The jury at Decatur in the case of Rev. A. D. Rodgers against the Fort Worth and Denver railroad for \$10,000 for alleged damage sustained on the company's train, allowed Mr. Rodgers \$2200.

Sheriff Cabell of Dallas was notified that over two miles of copper telephone wire was stolen between that city and Fort Worth. Copper wire is valuable and finds a ready market at all times.

A greater number of farmers have traded with cash this year at Thornton, Limestone county, than for years before, and the proportion of cash buying farmers is safely and largely increased for 1900.

Ex-Confederate General Longstreet and wife are at Mason. In 1858, while a captain in the United States army, Gen. Longstreet was stationed at Fort Martin Scott, and while there purchased Mason county land. His business is in connection with same.

Mark Robinson, Jr., was thrown from a wagon near Madison and instantly killed.

The house famine continues at Corsicana without any indication of speedy relief. The town is full of strangers, most of whom want to rent residences, and there is not a residence for rent in the city. Four-room box houses that did not cost exceeding \$350 are readily rented at \$10 per month.

Waxahachie has already commenced preparations looking to the entertainment of the State Firemen's association, which convenes in that city next May. A large amount of money is being subscribed, and Waxahachie will make the occasion a red-letter event for the Texas fire fighters.

Dr. J. D. Westervelt, surgeon for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, departed this life at Corpus Christi, his home, several days ago. Dr. Westervelt was county physician of Nueces county for a number of years and a physician widely known.

Dr. W. M. Sandell, one of El Paso's most prominent physicians, organizer of the Texas Press association and well known all over Texas, has just recovered from a severe illness, which has kept him confined to his bed for several weeks.

LAWTON LOSES LIFE

The Noted General Meets Death at Hands of Filipinos.

EASY MARK FOR SHARPSHOOTERS

Until Late, the Brave American Officer Remained on the Firing Line and Bullets Missing Near.

Manila, Dec. 20.—Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing on the firing line, in front of the troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

Gen. Lawton left home Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday, to lead an expedition through Marikina Valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war. The valley has several times been invaded, but not held by the Americans. Gen. Geronimo was supposed to have there the largest organized force north of Manila, and Gen. O'Day wished to garrison Marikina. The night was one of the worst of the season. A terrific rain had begun and is still continuing.

Accompanied by his staff and Troop I, Fourth cavalry, Gen. Lawton set out at 9 o'clock in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh infantry, which started from La Loma at midnight. With a small escort he led the way through an almost pathless country a distance of fifteen miles over hills and through canyons and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and sliding down the hills. Before daybreak the command had reached the head of the valley.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but a few casualties on the American side apart from the death of Gen. Lawton, but the attack was difficult because of the natural defenses of the town. Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore and a light yellow rain coat. He was also easily distinguishable because of his commanding figure. The sharpshooters directed several shots which clipped the grass nearby. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets.

Suddenly he exclaimed: "I'm shot," clinched his hands in a desperate attempt to stand erect and fell into the arms of a staff officer.

Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general. Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys.

After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors and a cavalry escort following. The troops filed bareheaded through the building where the body was laid, and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief, as though each man had suffered a personal loss.

Grief at Fort Wayne.
Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 20.—Grief is general in this city over Gen. Lawton's death. Gen. Lawton was living in Fort Wayne with his parents and was a student at the outbreak of the civil war. He enlisted here in the Ninth Indiana volunteers. He was a member of Bass post G. A. R., and a member of Harmony Lodge I. O. O. F. Bass post had raised a fund of nearly \$1000 to purchase a testimonial sword which was to be presented to Gen. Lawton upon his return from the Philippines.

Boston Failure.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—Dillaway & Starr, bankers and brokers of this city, assigned.

The firm is one of the most prominent of the kind in the city and is composed of Charles F. Dillaway, George H. Flint and A. W. Lawrence.

The firm, it is understood, with two other houses, carried a large quantity of mining stocks. The embarrassment of the Globe National bank is said to have been the reason for the assignment.

Bank Collapse.
London, Dec. 20.—The failure of the London and Northern bank, limited, a comparatively small concern, was announced yesterday. The directors issued a statement attributing the failure to the alleged libelous assertions regarding the bank which have appeared in the press for the past two or three days. The bank's assets, according to the directors, should fully cover the liabilities.

WHI Mobilize.
London, Dec. 20.—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along, as essential to success in South Africa, namely, 10,000 mounted infantry.

This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise a mounted infantry force to be called "Imperial yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment.

These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,443. Their services have never been called for in war.

The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of 1000 volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commander of the Queen's Westminster volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of 1000 picked marksmen. The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistments continues and promises to give the government ample material.

Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottenflood last evening, called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

The queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle, Dec. 26, the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa, who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, her majesty presiding in person.

The British second-class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at sixteen knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at Tugela river are still filtering through, but the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command.

A correspondent of the Associated Press at Chieveley camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught rangers took cover under civilian bearers of the Red Cross and that this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

In the Michigan senate a resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers and calling on the president to act as arbitrator between the two warring nations was defeated.

The government of New South Wales has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of artillery to South Africa in addition to the mounted contingent.

Senator Berry of Arkansas has introduced a bill in the senate to amend the third section of the interstate commerce act, relative to railroad discrimination.

Male Elected.
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 20.—In the election in the Seventh Kentucky congressional district Monday to elect a successor to the late Congressman Evan E. Settle, June W. Gayle, Democrat, of Owen county, was elected over ex-Congressman W. C. Owens, who ran as the fusion candidate of the anti-Globe Democrats and Republicans. About two-thirds of the vote was polled. At Gayle's headquarters his majority in the district is placed at 2600.

German Flag Hoisted.
Apia, Samoa, Dec. 20.—The German flag was hoisted over the court house yesterday as an official notification of the annexation of the islands by agreement to Germany. The German consul, on board the Cormoran, was interviewed by the Samoan chiefs, to whom he said that the Samoans could have their own king and chiefs. They then informed the consul that Mataafa would be selected.

Foot Crime.
Wynnewood, I. T., Dec. 20.—About 9:40 o'clock Monday there was brought into town the mutilated body of Geo. Miller, the same having been found on the track of the Santa Fe railway about one mile north of this place.

On examination it was found that he had been shot in the back with a .44-caliber ball, which had passed out just below the left breast, lodging in his clothing. Both jawbones were crushed.

Pugilist Sharkey has gone to Hot Springs, Ark.

LIEUT. BRUMBY.

Admiral Dewey's Flag Officer Dies at Garfield Hospital.

A BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN.

He Was Regarded as an Energetic and Capable Assistant and Was at the Head of His Grade.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Thos. M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield hospital shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

The lieutenant's present illness dated from about the 27th of November, the first symptoms being nothing more than a cold, which, however, failed to yield to treatment, and soon afterward he went to the Garfield hospital where he died.

The death of Lieut. Brumby, while not unexpected, was a great shock to Admiral Dewey. The relations of the two men for several years past have been very intimate and a strong friendship had grown up between them.

Lieut. Brumby went out to the Asiatic station with Admiral Dewey and had been with him until they both returned to the United States several months ago. In his capacity as a flag lieutenant to the admiral Lieut. Brumby was thrown with his chief practically all the time and acted as his personal representative in many matters of detail, delegated to him by the commanding officer. He was regarded by Admiral Dewey as a bright, energetic and capable assistant, while the devotion of the latter to the admiral was something marvelous. The burden of his thought during the latter days of his illness, before his mind was wrecked with delirium, seemed to be regarding his work for the admiral.

Admiral Dewey was unremitting in his attentions to him until his condition became precarious and visitors were not allowed to see him. Some days ago Mrs. W. I. Heyward of Marietta, Ga., a sister, was summoned and Thursday she was joined by her husband, both remaining with him until he died. Brumby's aged mother is still living in Marietta, Ga.

The father, who is dead, was a colonel of the fourteenth Georgia regiment in the confederate army.

Lieut. Brumby was 44 years of age and unmarried. Nothing definite has been decided concerning the funeral except that the body will be taken to Georgia for interment, leaving here tonight for Atlanta. It is entirely improbable that Admiral Dewey will accompany the remains, but will designate his secretary, Lieut. H. H. Caldwell, to perform that duty.

Lieut. Brumby was appointed a naval cadet from Georgia, entering the service on the 29th of September, 1873, and his present commission dates from the 25th of August, 1892. Practically all the time during the last two years he has been with Admiral Dewey.

In his report of the battle of Manila Admiral Dewey spoke in very complimentary terms of the services and gallantry of his flag lieutenant and recommended that he be advanced some number on the list of lieutenants. His recommendation was adopted by the navy department and the name sent to the senate, but together with a number of other promotions made by the department failed to be acted upon.

The Willowdene.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 18.—The British steamer Willowdene, Capt. Anderson, from Rio de Janeiro via Santos, coffee laden, thirty-six days out, arrived at Port Esds and is now at the Mississippi quarantine station.

Her crew consists of twenty-five men. All are in excellent health and there was no sickness aboard during the voyage. The vessel will be put through the strict fumigation and unloading process provided by the United States treasury regulations. The ship took part of her cargo of coffee at Santos, and both English and American consuls testify that the bubonic plague exists there.

The American consul testifies that the ship was thoroughly disinfected, and since then she has been at sea thirty-six days with not a case of sickness aboard.

The board of health is not certain of its powers in prohibiting entry to a healthy ship, but will meet next Thursday to decide finally. The ship has 48,000 bags of coffee aboard.

Offering Their Services.
New York, Dec. 18.—Many thousands of loyal Britons have been calling at the British consulate in this city in the last few days offering their services to their mother country in her struggle with the Boers. Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul general, said that since the outbreak of the war he had received many thousands of applications from fellow-countrymen in this city, who were ready and willing to enlist and go to the front.

Gen. Buller's Losses.
London, Dec. 18.—Gen. Buller's casualties at Colenso are reported at eighty-two killed, 667 wounded and 348 missing. His loss in officers was seven killed, forty-one wounded and seventeen missing. Several of the wounded have since died from their wounds.

Though the figures given out by the war department caused dismay among those aware of the news, Buller's loss is even greater than Lord Methuen's at Magersfontein. The regiments suffering most were the royal field artillery, the Dublin fusiliers and the Devonshire regiment.

The defeat of Gen. Buller has centered the storm of indignation that has been growing for two weeks upon the ministry and the clamor against Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and the marquis of Lansdowne, the war minister, is fierce and determined.

They are scapegoats upon whom the wrath of the nation falls. Chamberlain is especially the object of vindictive invective since it was his policy that caused the war. Lansdowne is second only to Chamberlain in this denunciation, because of his sloth in putting in the field troops sufficient to nip the war in the bud.

Whether Lansdowne is removed at once or not it is certain that there will be a big shake up in the war office personnel at once. It is semi-officially admitted that the conduct of the war will result in a thorough reorganization of the department.

A clean sweep will probably be made in a number of the bureaus, and officials that have grown gray in the service will have to make way for younger men who are up to the times and can cut out the dry rot that permeates the whole system, bringing it up to the standard required by the great changes that have revolutionized warfare in the past few years.

Field Marshal Wolseley advised Lansdowne months before hostilities began to send a great army to South Africa. His advice was unheeded.

Lord Roberts supplemented his chief with like counsel. He, too, was ignored. Others only a degree below them in rank and war experience shared their views.

Field Marshal Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army, arrived in London yesterday, bearing special orders given to him by the queen at Windsor when she learned of the defeat of Buller.

Telegrams from Windsor had preceded his arrival in London, hastily calling a meeting of the cabinet, and the ministers met at the foreign office yesterday afternoon to discuss the reverses of Buller, Methuen and Gatacre and plan the most effective means of retrieving the disaster.

Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, was not present.

Cape Colony is in a ferment, and Boer reports say that 5000 British colonial troops have joined the Boers.

Sugar Mill and Refinery.
Tampa, Fla., Dec. 18.—Plans have been perfected for the erection in this city of a big sugar mill and refinery. It is the intention of the men behind the enterprise to make Tampa not only the market for the sugar cane of Florida, but to bring the crude article from Cuba and refine it here. Those interested do not care to have their names made public at present, but have authorized the statement that the refinery would be established.

Carl Jahl was found dead in bed at Mineola the other day.

The Texas at Havana.
Havana, Dec. 18.—The United States battleship Texas, Capt. Sigbee commanding, has arrived here, and Capt. Greene, commandant of the naval station, has conferred with Capt. Sigbee with regard to the removal from Colon cemetery of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster. The present intention is to remove the remains with as little ceremony as possible.

The work of disinterment will begin this morning. Each coffin will be closed in a metal casket and be surrounded by a disinfecting compound. The caskets will be removed during the night to the naval wharf, where they will be under guard until all is ready for removal to the battleship, which it is said, will take place Wednesday night or Thursday at daybreak. The Texas will then leave at once.

Father Chadwick will identify the coffins as they are taken from the ground, having a chart showing the exact location of each.

Surveying Appraisers.
Antlers, I. T., Dec. 18.—The United States surveying appraisers have folded their tents at this place and moved to Kosoma, twelve miles north of here. Superintendent Kenyon says the work is progressing most satisfactory. This crew is carrying ranges 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17. They will get to the border sometime next June. Superintendent Kenyon says a great deal of time could be saved by skipping the mountainous country around Kosoma.

The Earth's Age.
The age of the world was one of the interesting topics discussed at the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Sir Archibald Geikie, the well known geologist said that notwithstanding all of the multiplied researches of the century, no relic of the first condition of our earth has been found. As far as reliable evidence can be drawn from the rocks of the globe itself, we do not seem to be nearer the recovery of the beginning than Hutton was a century ago. The most ancient rocks that can be reached are demonstrably not the first formed. They were preceded by others which we know must have existed, though no vestige of them may remain.

The geologists variously estimate the age of the earth at from 10,000,000 years to 400,000,000. They have been unable to discover any indication that the rate of geological causation has ever, on the whole, greatly varied during the time which has elapsed since the deposition of the oldest stratified rocks, though physicists hold that all kinds of geological action must have been more vigorous and rapid during bygone ages than they are to-day. So far as Sir Archibald has been able to form an opinion, 100,000,000 of years would suffice for the portion of the history of the world which is registered in the stratified rocks of the crust.

The paleontologists, however, declared that 100,000,000 years was too short a time to account for their discoveries in the evolution of organized existence on the globe. A special effort is to be made at the international geological congress, to meet in Paris next year, to organize a system of combined observation with the view of some more definite agreement on the age of the earth. The fact that the lowest estimate of the scientific men at the meeting in England was 10,000,000 years makes it clear that old notions on this subject were, to say the least, very far astray.

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